

# White Party and opera, all this weekend in Palm Springs



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If by chance someone just dropped some White Party tickets in your lap, prompting an unplanned trip to Palm Springs this weekend, hotel options are few and pricey.

The 27th annual White Party will once again bring thousands of gay men to town for the three-day music and dance festival with all of the much-loved pool parties, nighttime dancing and international DJs.

The party is pushing room rates well past \$200 a night in Palm Springs. A random check of rates Monday for the upcoming weekend showed a night at the new Arrive hotel, \$298 at The Saguaro Palm Springs and \$425 at the Hilton. The Renaissance Palm Springs – which is the host hotel for White Party – and Hard Rock Hotel Palm Springs are sold out.

## White Party: Circus T-Dance



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If you're looking for more reasonable rates, look down valley. The Doubletree by Hilton in Cathedral City has rooms starting at \$204, while the Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage has rooms starting at \$181 a night for this weekend.

White Party organizer Jeffrey Sanker is promising a re-imagined Saturday night main party at the Palm Springs Convention Center with a new setup that uses the west mountain view entrance.



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Also, the day-long Saturday buyout of the Wet'n'Wild water-park pool party returns this year. And the Friday night underwear party has been re-themed as the Commando Military Ball, where the dress code is basically as little as legally possible, with perhaps a little camo thrown in. Yes, there will be a clothes-check.



**An estimated 6,000 people took in some opera on Sunday, April 1, 2012, at Sunrise Park in Palm Springs. The free outdoor concert returns this Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Photo: Sherry Barkas/The Desert Sun)**

After all of that partying on Saturday night, come relax in Sunrise Park Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the 18th annual Opera in the Park, a free concert of opera arias accompanied by a professional orchestra. So grab your blanket and picnic and bask in the delightful music of Mozart, Puccini, Verdi and others. I know, those aren't DJs, and I wouldn't go to Sunrise Park expecting to see go-go boys and jumbo video screens; but Opera in the Park is yet one more delightful, springtime, outdoor (free) way to pass an afternoon in the Coachella Valley. And I highly recommend it.

The numbers are in from the Indian Wells Arts Festival last weekend, and organizers are reporting record attendance. More than 10,000 people came out to the festival at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, setting records on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"We're incredibly proud of everybody who came together to make this year's Indian Wells Arts Festival a record-breaking year from festival-goer attendance to artists' sales," says festival producer Dianne Funk, in a statement. "Just as significant is the number of artists celebrating their 10th year or more with the Festival, as well as the artists from across the country and around the world new to the festival this year."

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